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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: DISPOSITION OF REMAINING SURPLUS IRANIAN F-5A/B AIRCRAFT

REF: TEHRAN 8535 OF 10/9/74

1. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON OUR SUGGESTION IN PARA 2 REFTEL FOR REVIEW OF PLANS FOR DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS IRANIAN F-5 AIRCRAFT AND DISCUSSION OF THESE PLANS WITH GOI. WITH DEPARTURE OF SECOND GROUP OF PLANES FOR JORDAN, IRAN WILL HAVE 21 MAP AND 15 FMS F-5AS AND 10 MAP AND 7 FMS F-5BS REMAINING IN INVENTORY. THERE IS NO IMMEDIATE PROBLEM WITH B MODEL AIRCRAFT. BUT WE BELIEVE THERE IS SOME RISK THAT SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF A MODELS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE TO MEET OUR PLANNING TARGETS AND POSSIBLY CONFLICTING GOI INTENTIONS. AT PRESENT, IT SEEMS THAT 21 MAP AIRCRAFT WILL BE ASSIGNED TO GREECE (12) AND ETHIOPIA (9). TEN OF 15 FMS F-5AS ARE SLATED, IT APPEARS, FOR KENYA. HOWEVER, WE ALSO HEAR RUMORS THAT IIAF MAY BE PLANNING TO USE SQUADRON OF F-5S IN OMAN. WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THIS IS TRUE. WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER GOI MAY HAVE OTHER PLANS FOR F-5AS.

2. ACCORDINGLY, WE URGE THAT DEPARTMENT REVIEW STATUS OF USG PLANS FOR THESE AIRCRAFT WITH ISA AND USAF. WHEN THIS IS DONE, WE SUGGEST THAT INSTRUCTIONS BE SENT TO US THROUGH SECURITY ASSISTANCE CHANNELS FOR EARLY DISCUSSIONS WITH GOI OF DISPOSITION OF F-5S. WE SHOULD HAVE A FULL EXCHANGE WITH GOI AS TO THEIR AND OUR PLANS

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FOR F-5AS AND BS.

3. MORE DETAILED COMMUNICATION ON THIS SUBJECT (I.E.,
AVAILABILITY DATES, SPARES, ETC) IS BEING PREPARED TO REACH YOU
NEXT WEEK FROM MAAG.

4. STATE 100755 JUST RECEIVED. WE BELIEVE THERE IS SLIM CHANCE
OF F-5A AVAILABILITY BEFORE EARLY FALL OR LATE SUMMER AT BEST.
APPROACH TO GOI WILL BE NECESSARY IF WE WANT EARLIER DELIVERY.
HOPE THEREFORE WE CAN EXPEDITE REVIEW/DISCUSSION REQUESTED PARA 2.
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